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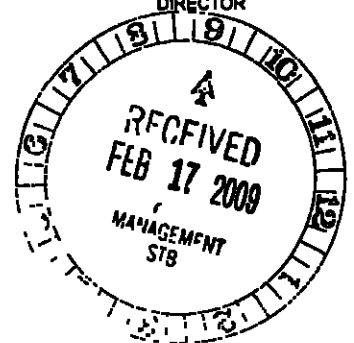
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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.  
Acting Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
Office of the Secretary  
395 E Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

**SUBJECT: Proposed Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Company Abandonment in Dickinson County, MI - STB Docket No. AB-506 (Sub-No. 1X)**

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) hereby respectfully requests a 180-day extension of the railbanking period provided by your decision of August 19, 2008. The MDNR and the Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Company are continuing negotiations towards an agreement, and expect to complete an agreement within 180 days.

Sincerely,

Jim Radabaugh, State Trails Coordinator  
Forest, Mineral and Fire Management  
517-373-1276

cc: Mr. Thomas J. Healey,  
Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Company  
Mr. Robert Fowler, Rail Property  
Management  
Ms. Stacy Welling, DNR  
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